

would be a polite, but firm refusal to cease submarine warfare against belligerent merchant ships.

"It was pointed out that the embassy itself so far was ignorant of the terms of the American note; that it had received no instructions whatever from the German government regarding the note and, finally, it was declared that no official connected with the embassy had expressed any opinion on the subject at all.

"Beyond this, the ambassador reduced to go, saying, 'The matter is now between the two governments.'"

PLEASED WITH TONE OF NOTE.

But from sources close to the embassy it is possible to gather definite assurances that the representatives of the German government in Washington and pleased with the tone said to be taken by the American note. If, as reported, the note contains references to alleged impropriety in putting the warning to Americans in the form of newspaper advertisements, the embassy is likely to take exception, pointing out that Secretary Bryan himself first made the warning public in giving out the German statement of February 14. The action of the embassy in inserting the advertisements resulted, it will be claimed, only from a desire to make sure of wide publicity, and from an unwillingness to "accept the responsibility" of not having warned passengers.

In connection with these advertisements, it is insisted by the embassy that the order given newspapers not to make the third publication, as originally provided for, is due only to the fact that further warning is unnecessary. There would be no possible benefit from another insertion of the "ads," it is said. While the original order from Berlin was for the widest publicity of the warning concerning danger to ships entering the "war zone," the manner of obtaining that publicity was left to the embassy here.

DENIES KILLING WAS INTENDED.

This same German, who talks authoritatively, declares that the German expressions of regret are more than mere formality.

"It never was intended or desired that a life should be lost," he said. "None would have been lost had the Lusitania not carried a cargo of explosives. The hole torn by the torpedo was insignificant as compared to the hole torn in the Titanic by the iceberg, and it took more than two hours for the Titanic to sink. If the Lusitania had floated any time at all, every passenger could have been rescued. But the torpedo evidently caused the detonation of the vessel's explosive cargo, and all those lives were lost."

He added that the very fact that only one torpedo was sent into the vessel was proof that no such disaster as resulted was actually intended.

WILL BE PRESENTED TOMORROW.

Secretary Bryan announced this morning that the note to Germany would be sent "during the day," and that it would be given out tonight for publication Friday morning. He said it doubtless would be presented in Berlin Friday morning.

It devolved on the State Department this morning, after the completion of the note, to put it into code. How long this required was not given out by Secretary Bryan. The Secretary said it contained close to 1,500 words.

The Secretary had no comment to make on the international situation. He was asked concerning the messages which are reaching the President. He said that while they differed as to the advice given, they coincided in expressing the idea of standing by the President in the present crisis.

Goes Via Italy.

Secretary Bryan said the note would be cabled to Berlin via Italy, but later it was intimated at the White House it would go by wireless via Seyville. Likely it will be sent both ways to avoid errors in transmission.

President Wilson is prepared to call an extra session of Congress if the needs of the international situation seem to require it.

This information is not given out officially, but there is reason to believe it is correct. The White House is not encouraging extra sessions and is making no announcement of its purpose in this respect because for the President to say he was thinking of an extra session would seem to imply that he did not expect Germany to give a satisfactory reply to American demands. It might tend to give offense to the Berlin government.

It was said that if Berlin refuses to comply and her refusal is of such a nature that this country cannot in self-respect continue further exchange in a diplomatic way, then, with the severing of diplomatic relations, there will come a call for an extra session.

Pressure Would Be Great.

It is the general impression here that should diplomatic relations be severed, the pressure on the Administration for an extra session to authorize appropriations to prepare for war and to enact legislation to bring the army and navy to a state of readiness for operations will be great, and that the President will not stand in the way when he believes the time is ripe.

He will not be hurried on the one hand, but he will act promptly when he feels the hour is ripe when this nation must get ready for resort to arms. Officials here who have secured public opinion believe that much as the American people resent the attack on the Lusitania, they are not yet outpoken for war, and are willing to trust the President's lead in hoping that Germany will not repeat the offense.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the District of Columbia—Generally fair tonight and Friday. Maryland—Generally fair tonight and Friday. Virginia—Fair tonight and Friday. Gentle winds, mostly westerly.

TEMPERATURES.

U. S. BUREAU	AFRICAIN'S
8 a. m. 60	9 a. m. 75
9 a. m. 62	10 a. m. 75
10 a. m. 71	11 a. m. 75
11 a. m. 71	12 noon 75
12 noon 71	1 p. m. 82
1 p. m. 78	2 p. m. 81
2 p. m. 78	

TIDE TABLE.

High tide	Low tide
1:22 a. m. and 5:03 p. m.	1:30 a. m. and 2:33 p. m.

SUN TABLE.

Sun rises	Sun sets
4:51	7:01

Automobile Lamps at 7:42 p. m.

Powers May Appoint United States Trustee to Hold Constantinople

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.

The part which the United States could and would play in an European war is discussed in Washington pretty extensively these days. There are not wanting people who believe this country would, by entering the war on the side of the anti-Germanic federation, actually weaken that side. This same opinion has been strongly presented in England and in the British press.

On the other hand there are those who believe this country could and would be a useful accession to that side, if aligned with it.

One of the most interesting views developed by this discussion was stated today by a man whose intimacy with foreign relations entitles him to serious consideration. It is an entirely unofficial expression, and deals with the possibility that the United States would, in fact, play a very important part, diplomatically, in a war and in the subsequent negotiations and rearrangement of the world.

Trustee for Constantinople.

In this analysis, which represents views not remote from the general staff of the army, it is suggested that the United States might become the trustee for Constantinople, be placed in charge of the government and management of the city, established as an international police authority, and by common consent among the powers be designated to hold the city pending a final determination of its fate and future.

Such a part could be played by the United States, it is suggested, more appropriately than by any nation now involved in the war.

That the allies will at length take the ancient Byzantine capital is generally believed by military and naval men. They say that Great Britain would suffer such a loss of prestige among the Mohammedan and other Asiatic and African peoples if she failed to capture the city. They say that the city would be a valuable prize, and that its capture would be a great blow to the Turkish empire.

Preserving the Balance.

England likewise must always view with intense concern her route to India, her domination of the Suez Canal, France is a Mediterranean power, and as such has interest in the Levantine lands. Her interest is doubtless bound up, at this time, in that of Russia, with which her close alliance is based on a realization of a community of interest in many other things than a mutual fear of Germany.

Divergencies of Interest.

Among all these there are clear divergencies of interests and sentiment concerning the ultimate disposition of the city, that the embarrasment of possession might easily prove quite as serious as the difficulties on its conquest.

One power, however, is in position to take over the control of the city as trustee for the interests of the world. That power is the United States. There are, moreover, many reasons why American control would be appropriate. This country has very considerable commercial interests, and a greater philanthropic interest in Turkey. Schools, colleges, hospitals, eleemosynary establishments of all kinds, and a wide extension of missionary efforts, stand for the concern that America feels and must continue to feel regarding the ultimate disposition of the city by the great powers.

Occidental people and interests in Turkish lands have been suffering by reason of the delay in the peace negotiations. The delay in the peace negotiations would overtake the Mohammedan populations if Constantinople would fall.

The American note is not an ultimatum, and it may be followed by a more or less prolonged diplomatic exchange. But the feeling here is that if Germany turns down the Washington demands, the peace negotiations may soon be forced to break off diplomatic relations.

Might Ask Extra Session.

Then, it is predicted, the country would demand an extra session of Congress, the pressure for naval and military preparations could hardly be withstood, and, particularly if more American lives are slaughtered by German submarines, the war spirit in Congress could hardly be held back.

Already, there is widespread speculation here as to what this country would do should a state of war be declared. Opinion is widely divided as to what it could do most effectively. That the German ships in American waters would be seized as a first step is obvious.

The general tenor of the American note became known yesterday. Consequently, while the most painful interest has continued to center on its actual wording, there is still deeper interest in the German reply, since it will be the crux of the situation.

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Austria's Last Proposal For Peace Definitely Rejected, Italy Is Close to Action.

ROME, May 13.—Italy today was very close to a declaration of war. What was heralded as Austria's final proposal in the interests of peace has been definitely rejected. In official circles it was said the government will not keep the world long in suspense—that an important announcement may be made within forty-eight hours.

Baron Sonnino today was closeted in an informal meeting with several members of the cabinet. It was stated positively, however, that the Austrian proposals were not up for reconsideration. Following the formal session of the cabinet yesterday, Sonnino announced that the concessions offered by Austria had proved unacceptable to the cabinet, and hinted that Italy was about to end negotiations by a drastic step.

What will be contained in the announcement which it was reported was about to be made by the government was a secret today. In some quarters it was said the cabinet would give to the public a statement justifying its course in the negotiations with Austria.

The intended effect of this would be to crystallize public sentiment in support of the government's position before the meeting of parliament one week today, when Italy's decision is expected formally to be made known.

From authoritative sources it was learned that Austria, in her last proposal to Italy, offered these concessions:

"The cession of all portions of Trentino inhabited by Italians; home rule for Trieste; the cession of the Isanzo district with Gradisca, and a free hand for Italy in southern Albania."

In addition, Italy was told that Germany and Austria were willing to make further concessions at the end of the war.

THE DIAL THAT MEANS A BARGAIN

One incident to American participation in the war, it is explained, would unquestionably be the organization of a North Atlantic patrol system that would reduce the menace of the German submarine warfare. This work is especially suited to the faster and lighter vessels of the British and French navies.

It was declared by the first loss of the British admiralty that the could not from available naval resources, assign warships to the regular patrol duty that has been demanded since the Lusitania tragedy. This use, it was pointed out, has been hailed by American naval authorities as testimony that there is really a place for the American navy to fill, and in which it would be extremely useful, if this country should become involved in the war.

Whether the United States could provide an important military force to aid the allied cause is generally doubted here.

It is urged that if this country set about to build a great army, it would cut down the measure of munitions and arms that we are now able to send to the allies, while the American army could not be ready for use for many months. Moreover, it is daily more evident that even people who want this country to maintain a policy that would lead it into the war, do not generally believe that it would be necessary or desirable to send an army.

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